



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2001 Assembly Bill 556

Assembly Amendment 1

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Generally, **2001 Assembly Bill 556**: (1) requires various state agencies to prepare certain labor-related reports; (2) requires public educational institutions to have job training access policies; and (3) allows a person whose operating privilege was suspended solely for failing to pay a judgment for an ordinance violation unrelated to the operation of a motor vehicle to apply for an occupational driver's license and to obtain such a license upon the payment of a \$10 fee. Assembly Amendment 1 affects this last provision of the bill.

Prior to passage of 1999 Wisconsin Act 9, the Biennial Budget Act, a person could have his or her operating privileges suspended for failing to pay a judgment for an ordinance violation unrelated to the person's operation of a motor vehicle. Although Act 9 repealed this authority, the Act did not restore operating privileges to persons who had their operating privileges suspended prior to Act 9. Under current law, a person whose operating privilege is suspended for failing to pay a judgment for an ordinance violation is not eligible to apply for an occupational driver's license.

Assembly Bill 556 allows a person whose operating privilege was suspended solely for failing to pay a judgment for an ordinance violation unrelated to the operation of a motor vehicle to apply for an occupational driver's license upon payment of a \$10 fee. This fee represents a reduction from the \$40 application fee generally charged for an occupational license.

Assembly Amendment 1 deletes the provisions of the bill allowing a person whose operating privilege was suspended solely for failing to pay a judgment for an ordinance violation to receive an occupational driver's license upon the payment of a \$10 fee.

Assembly Amendment 1 was recommended for adoption by the Assembly Committee on Labor and Workforce Development on a vote of Ayes, 8; Noes, 1 on October 10, 2001. The amendment was adopted by the Assembly on a voice vote on October 16, 2001, and the bill, as amended, was passed by the Assembly on a vote of Ayes, 87; Noes, 9, on the same date.